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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF LEONARD SHONGOLO

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN FRANK WOLF ON BEHALF OF LEONARD SHONGOLO. HE REPORTEDLY WAS DETAINED BY SECURITY POLICE ON FEBRUARY 10, AND IS BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO WITHOUT CHARGE OR TRIAL. HE IS SAID TO BE A FORMER POLITICAL DETAINEE, WHO HAS BEEN RESTRICTED SINCE EARLY 1980 UNDER AN ORDER ISSUED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POSTS CAN DEVELOP ON SHONGOLO'S SITUATION, FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO CONGRESSMAN WOLF.

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